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**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the data storage device has a read-only memory area in which data concerning the seat have been stored during assembly of the seat.

3. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the data storage device has a readable and writable random access memory area .

4. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the data are stored permanently in the data storage device, which is a non-erasable and non-rewritable data storage device.

5. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the data storage device has a unique, unchangeable, and electronically readable identification number.

6. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein data transmission between the data storage device and the reading device is effected by a wireless device, wherein data may be read out of the data storage device wirelessly and may be written into the data storage device wirelessly.

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7. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein transmission of data between the data storage device and the reading device is effected by use of a plug connection.

8. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the data storage comprises a transponder, and data are writable to and readable from the data storage device upon appropriate stimulation of the reading device.

9. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein energy required for operation of the data storage device is retrieved from the reading device.

10. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, further comprising a positioning unit for positioning the reading device into a specifiable position in relation to the data storage device.

11. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 10, wherein the positioning unit has a magnet by which the reading device is placed into said specifiable position.

12. (Currently amended) A seat having:

~~at least one seat component~~ a plurality of seat components;

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a data storage device mounted on ~~the seat component~~ one of the seat components and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of ~~the seat component~~ one of the seat components, and certification of ~~the seat component~~ one of the seat components; and

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device, wherein

the seat is included in a seat system, which includes a reading device for data transmission to the data storage device, and

the reading device has data transmission means for reading the relevant data,

the reading device has storage means for intermediate storage of data read from the data storage device.

13. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, wherein the reading device has a display unit for display of the relevant data.

14. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, wherein the reading device has positioning means for positioning the reading device in relation to the data storage device for purposes of data transmission.

15. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a standardized interface for transmitting the relevant data to a computer effecting further processing.

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16. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 12, wherein the storage means is provided for intermediate storage of data to be written into the data storage device.

17. (Currently amended) A vehicle seat having:

a plurality of seat components~~at least one seat component~~;

a data storage device mounted in a stationary manner on ~~the seat component~~ one of the seat components and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of ~~the seat component~~ one of the seat components, and certification of ~~the seat component~~ one of the seat components; and

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device.

18. (Currently amended) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein ~~said building part is~~ the seat component on which the data storage is mounted is a seat component in the group consisting of arm rest, seat element, backrest, seat divider and seat pedestal.

19. (Currently amended) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the data storage device is mounted ~~into the building part~~ such that it is not visible from the outside of the seat.

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20. (Currently amended) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the data storage device is integrated into the seat ~~building part~~ component on which it is mounted such that it is inaccessible from the exterior.

21. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein said individual relevant data are data representing at least one of vehicle information, information about a vehicle operator, information about the position of the seat inside a vehicle, repair information and maintenance information.

22. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein said individual relevant data are data representing at least one of aircraft type information, aircraft identification and airline information.

23. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the vehicle seat is an aircraft passenger seat.

24. (Previously presented) The seat as claimed in claim 9, wherein the energy is transmitted to the data storage device in a contact-free manner.

25. (New) A vehicle seat comprising:  
  
at least one seat component;

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a data storage device mounted in a stationary manner on the seat and storing relevant data, wherein the relevant data is data that represents at least one of service life of the seat, certification of the seat, service life of the seat component, and certification of the seat component; and

an interface by which said relevant data is readable by an external reading device.